

Board of Health Minutes
February 12, 2007

Board of Health Members, Ms. Day, Ms. Devanney and Ms. Meehan along with the Health Administrator, Ms. Ferrari met with the Selectmen at 6:00 P.M. to hear a presentation by our Recycling Committee on Recycling and to discuss solid waste with them.

The Selectmen asked the Board of Health to take a second look at the bulky item price list. They felt that some of the fees were not worthy of the item. They are also concerned about the four bag limit the Board asked Allied Waste to enforce especially when it comes to the small trash bags. They said they have received many negative comments from the public on both those issues. Mr. O'Connor also brought up the issue of residents who use small bags. Allied is only taking four of the small bags instead of making a decision that possibly 4 small bags equals one large bag. Ms. Ferrari told Mr. O'Connor that this is the first time she is hearing complaints about small bags and he should be sending those complaints over to the Board of Health office so we can handle them.

The Board told the Selectmen they would review their trash policies and get back to them.

Ms. Devanney opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M. with Ms. Day, Ms. Meehan, and Ms. Perrault present.

298 Middlesex Road

Jeff Hannaford requested a variance from Title 5 and local regulations for a replacement system for the above existing home.

310 CMR 15.405 (1)(h) Depth to groundwater: Reduction of five (5) foot separation from bottom of leaching bed to high ground water elevation from five (5) feet to four (4) feet.

Local regulation 2.1: Distance to wetlands: Reduction in the setback to the wetlands from 100 feet to 55 feet.

Our consulting engineer recommended to the Board that they grant both variances due to the severe constraints that the lot already has. Also, the plan should include a detailed groundwater dewatering plan and if possible wait to install the system during times traditionally that groundwater is at its lowest level.

The Board granted the variances with the stipulations that a plan for dewatering be submitted, wait if possible until groundwater season is lower to install the system and the Conservation Commission approves the plan.

Trash & Recycling

Irene Congdon, our DEP Technical Asst. will present a program on “0” Waste at our next meeting on March 12th.

Tobacco Regulations

The Board signed the revised Tobacco Regulations.

Clerk Resume’

The Board reviewed 17 resumes’ received for the Clerk position in the office. Several were chosen for interviews. Ms. Ferrari and Ms. Cashman, Town Administrator will interview those candidates. Our recommendations will be brought before the Board at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Ms. Day will put together a draft letter to the Selectmen in response to our meeting with them this evening.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.